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October 30, 1979

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
350 Ottawa Avenue, N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Attn: Chester Harvey,
District Engineer

Dear Chester:

In reference to our tour on October 5th, 1979, of the outside area of our plant concerning the removal of the storm drain system from our ponds, it was found that before this move could be made, several changes had to occur.

Portland is presently in the process of cleaning up the back pad. This will be completed by November 30th., and will at that time be a permanent part of the housekeeping tour and weekly inspection. It will be checked at least once a week and kept clean.

Considerable concern was shown over our oil barrel storage and after several meetings it has been determined that all barrels of material that is considered a danger to our storm water system will be moved in-plant. An area has been designated for barrel storage only and we are in the process of preparing this area to accomplish this move which will be completed by November 30th. This action will remove barrels from the storm drain area. It was also determined that an area will be set up for empty barrels (those not returned to vendor) and these barrels will be washed before storing. Again, this will also be accomplished by November 30th. All remaining barrels that do not contain harmful material to the storm drain system will be moved onto the back pad which has a protective curb.

We would also like to note that our housekeeping committee and weekly inspection has been instructed to check safety hooks on the barrel racks.

We have contacted the City of Portland and met with Bill Carr, City Manager, on the feasibility of hooking up our septic system with the City's. The City has advised us that they have the capacity to handle TRW and we are now considering flows, free fall, pump-up station, etc.

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We have looked into the possibility of obtaining a secondary power line to our waste treatment facility for emergencies, and find that our only source of power is Consumers. We are now in the process of getting costs, etc., on leasing, having use of, or purchasing a generator.

In reference to the above, we feel we are now in a position to hire a consultant. Of the four company's suggested by you, we are contacting two and will choose whichever one suits our purposes. A representative from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Mr. Forest Winchester, is meeting with us today. After we have met with the second consultant and made our choice we will contact you for a meeting.

Sincerely,


Keith Patterson,

Manager
Industrial Engineering

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xc: J. Bohunsky sent 10/31/79